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**ROADWORK** More potential traffic headaches are coming to those using the Fairview Overpass.

Starting today and until further notice, motorists will face periodic one-lane, stop-and-go traffic on the Joseph Howe Drive ramp under the busy overpass. The stop-and-go traffic will occur each weekday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The work will affect traffic on Joseph Howe Drive to the Bedford Highway outbound and the Bedford Highway outbound ramp to Joseph Howe Drive.

The province is in the midst of a six-month construction project at the overpass next to the Windsor Street exchange.

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# Delorey dies in hospital

Autistic boy who survived two days in the woods passes away at IWK

ALY THOMSON  
for Metro Halifax



**The family of James Delorey is privately grieving the loss of their son to severe hypothermia after surviving two frigid nights nestled next to his dog in a wooded area of Cape Breton.**

The seven-year-old died at his family's side early yesterday morning at the IWK Health Centre intensive care unit, said Jocelyn Vine, vice-president of patient services for the children's hospital.

"It is with our deepest regrets to advise you that James Delorey did pass away ... at the IWK Health Centre early this morning," Vine told local media at the hospital.

Vine then read a statement by James' mother, Veronica Fraser.

"The family would like to thank everyone involved in James' care. It was amazing to see how everyone would come together. It really kept my hopes alive. We will have more to say later after we've had some time," the statement read.

Vine fought back tears when announcing the child's death and when expressing the staff's empathy towards the loss of the autistic boy.

"On behalf of the health centre, we want to express



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James Delorey, 7, passed away yesterday. He had survived two days in the Cape Breton woods and rode out a snowstorm by huddling with his dog Chance before searchers found him Monday.

our deepest sympathies to the family," she said.

The boy, who couldn't speak, was found Monday around noon — about 1.3 kilometres from a temporary police command post in South Bar.

Police said the boy was found unconscious and suffering from severe hypothermia. He was airlifted by helicopter to the IWK, where he arrived around 5:30 p.m.

Vine wouldn't give the

exact time of Delorey's death, but said the boy's family was with him when he died.

On Saturday afternoon, James wandered away from his home in South Bar while following his dog

**"On behalf of the health centre, we want to express our deepest sympathies to the family."**

Jocelyn Vine,  
VP patient services

Chance, police say

Within hours of his disappearance, a massive snowfall swept through the region, blanketing some areas with 15 centimetres.

The boy, who wasn't wearing a winter coat, hat or mittens, saved himself by seeking shelter under a carpet of underbrush and huddling next to his dog, searchers said.

The disappearance provoked a massive search with hundreds of individuals and three aircraft. Searchers went into overdrive when Chance emerged from a forest north of Sydney two hours before the boy was found.

Melanie Sampson, who lives down the road from the Fraser family, said the town is in mourning.

"It's tough no matter what time of year it is, especially after the miracle of yesterday when he was found alive ... it was such an emotional roller coaster," she said.

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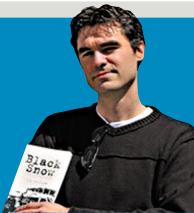
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## Share your holiday tales at airport

Halifax Stanfield International Airport is getting into the holiday spirit by having travellers tell their stories about this time of year. Halifax freelancer writer Jon Tattrie, left, a regular contributor to Metro, will be moving into the airport on Dec. 18 and 19 to chat with travellers and record their holiday stories in real time. They'll then be displayed on a 40-inch screen that visitors can read when they pass. A final product will be available on the airport's website on Dec. 23 at 4 p.m.

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## Search effort no easy task, director says

**RESCUE** Blair Doyle, director for the Halifax search-and-rescue team that located seven-year-old James Delorey yesterday, described the search effort as a "bit of a mission impossible" because a storm moved into the region on the weekend, blanketing the area in heavy, wet snow.

As well, searchers were told the boy probably wouldn't respond to their calls, which is why some were heard in the woods promising the boy his favourite food — pizza — and encouraging him to "come see mummy."

Doyle said rescuers followed the family dog's tracks directly to James.

"There was an impression in the ground next to him where the dog had obviously been," he told a news conference.

"We're glad that we did the job we did, but we feel saddened for the family. I think at some point he went as far as he could ... and he laid down."

The dog, a mixed-breed named Chance, emerged from the forest about two hours before the boy was found.

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## 'It's always very difficult'

### Doctor speaks after autistic child succumbs in hospital

**ALY THOMSON**  
for Metro Halifax



**Dr. Brian Norman says losing children in the intensive-care unit "always has some affect on you."**

Norman, who works in the pediatric intensive-care unit at the IWK Health Centre, was the physician attending to James Delorey, a seven-year-old autistic child who died of severe hypothermia early yesterday after spending two nights in the woods in South Bar, outside of Sydney.

"It's always very difficult for nurses and doctors who have kids of their own to see these sorts of situations, but we're there to try and do our best and help out whenever we can," Norman told media at the IWK yesterday afternoon.

Earlier in the day, Jocelyn Vine, vice-president of patient care at the IWK, an-

nounced James had died. She then said the hospital wouldn't reveal any specific information about the death.

"Out of respect for the family and their loved ones, we won't be providing any further information," she said.

But Norman did speak about hypothermia, saying mild hypothermia involves any body temperature below 35 C; in severe cases, the temperature drops below 28 C.

Norman said the first priority with hypothermic patients is preventing heat loss and warming the body.

The IWK is part of the Maritime Heart Centre and has specialized heart machines that actively warm the body and get oxygen into the lungs.

Norman said when an individual is in an extreme situation and suffering from hypothermia, the ability to understand the envi-



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**Top:** Jocelyn Vine, vice-president of patient care for the IWK Health Centre, announces the death of seven-year-old James Delorey in Halifax yesterday. The autistic child, who wandered away from his rural home on Saturday, died of severe hypothermia early yesterday morning.  
**Left:** Dr. Brian Norman, the physician attending to James Delorey, speaks to reporters in Halifax.

### Premier offers condolences to boy's family

**RELEASE** Premier Darrell Dexter expressed his sorrow over the death of seven-year-old James Delorey yesterday.

"I want to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time," Dexter said in a release. "The Delorey family is in the hearts and prayers of Nova Scotians

from one end of the province to the other."

He also acknowledged the hundreds of Nova Scotians — including ground search and rescue and aircraft personnel — who searched for James from the time he went missing on Saturday to when he was found Monday afternoon.

ronment and appreciate the coldness begins to decrease. He said this is especially true for children.

"They lose track of time, they lose track of their feel-

ings, that they're getting cold," he said. "They go into a state where they probably don't feel anything."

Norman added this case isn't something his unit

sees everyday.

"It's not something that an institution like this sees very often, and we're very happy we could be there to provide any sort of care."



### News in brief

**CRIME** Trafficking marijuana and attacking a police officer are among the charges laid after a lengthy crackdown on off-highway vehicles in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Between June and October, the

RCMP and Natural Resources Department handed out 26 charges and 47 warnings to drivers through their joint patrols of off highway vehicles. Seven all-terrain vehicles were seized.

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Crown Attorney Arthur Theuerkauf speaks to reporters at Dartmouth Provincial Court yesterday after aggravated assault charges were dropped against 20-year-old Dennis Baxter.

## Crown drops charges in deadly fight

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**The Crown dropped charges yesterday against a Dartmouth man who got into a fist fight that left another man dead this summer.**

Dennis Baxter, 20, had a count of aggravated assault dropped against him yesterday at Dartmouth provincial court when prosecutors looked at the evidence and determined there was "no realistic prospect of conviction."

Baxter didn't appear at court yesterday. His lawyer, Marion Mancini, said she could not speak to reporters without her client's consent.

Theuerkauf said he had not been in direct contact with Nichols' family, but said he had been speaking to an investigator who talked to the victim's father.

"I was left with the impression that Mr. Nichols accepted the decision of the Crown," he said.

**Man faces robbery charges after gas station holdup**

**THEFT** A 23-year-old man is facing several charges, including robbery, as Halifax Regional Police say a man carrying a gun held up the Petro Canada gas station on Joseph Howe Drive late Monday evening.

Police say at about 10 p.m., a man entered the station wearing a mask, pointed a handgun at the clerk and demanded cash. The man fled the scene with a small amount of

money and lottery tickets. Police apprehended the suspect a short distance away.

There were no injuries, with police alleging they found the firearm and stolen items on the suspect.

The 23-year-old was due in Halifax provincial court yesterday charged with robbery and wearing a disguise while committing a robbery.



HRM Mayor Peter Kelly, shown in this file photo, is getting more cash in his wallet, along with all 23 councillors, after an error was discovered in the formula to determine their salaries.

## Mayor, council to get extra cash from error

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**Mayor Peter Kelly and the rest of Halifax Regional Council will be getting an unexpected infusion of cash this year after an error was discovered in the formula used to calculate their salaries.**

The total cost of the city's blunder is estimated at \$246,096, and every penny will come out of this year's municipal budget, said HRM spokesperson Shauna MacKinlay.

"We discovered the error in mid-November," MacKinlay explained. "Since then, we've had to do an audit to determine if the error was as it appeared — and it was."

According to Britt Wilson, HRM's manager of total compensation, "a misinterpretation of the formula description" was to blame for the error — but no one picked up on it for

**\$139,330**

Mayor Peter Kelly's revised salary (previously revised for 2010 to \$136,550)

over four years. "The (error) led us to increasing the rate of salaries by only half the amount that we should have increased them by," Wilson said.

As a result, the mayor and any councillor who has held office at some point since Nov. 1, 2005 will receive additional money on their next paycheque. Nine former councillors will also qualify for retroactive payments.

Coun. Dawn Sloane called the impending one-off "a hassle."

"The optics are bad," Sloane said. "I mean, where was HRM staff on this?"

An independent commission established the salary formula back in

**\$71,206**

Revised salary for councillors (previously revised for 2010 to \$67,355)

2005 by looking at annual stipends for elected officials in eight jurisdictions similar in nature and size to HRM.

Council met as usual last night, and approved an additional \$69,100 toward further study into the city's long-term transit strategy.

Consulting group IBI Group Limited released a \$258,200 Metro Transit Strategic Plan Update back in October, but council was informed by staff that it will be necessary to assess two additional transit components — the Access-a-Bus program and Halifax's ferry system.

The total cost of the study will now be \$346,636.

HRM set to overspend by \$30M next year: O'Toole

**SPENDING** If nothing changes, the Halifax Regional Municipality is set to overstretch its budget by \$30 million next year.

The municipality's finance director Cathie O'Toole delivered her year-end forecast at yesterday's regular council meeting — and it prompted more than a few raised eyebrows around the room.

"This is probably a larger gap than we've had to deal with in the last couple of years," O'Toole said. "We need to work to get the numbers more refined and to balance the budget."

O'Toole explained the city needs to make significant investments in both employee salaries and solid waste management in 2010-11,

while at the same time dealing with a drop in the amount of money coming in from things like deed transfer taxes.

"I'm not panicking just yet," said Coun. Tim Outfit (Bedford) after the presentation. "We're just getting the preliminary update, and there's probably some spending that can be

cut and some creativity that we can look into."

Some of that "creativity" could involve increasing municipal taxes and fees — a few of which have not changed since amalgamation in 1996. Outfit admitted that it's unlikely HRM will get help from the province, which is dealing with a \$590 million deficit.

"At the moment, though, it seems like the federal government is still in spending mode," he added. "We're just going to have to keep watching."

The final municipal budget won't be tabled until early April.

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Coun. Tim Outfit

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## N.S. deputy minister to retire in February 2010

**ANNOUNCEMENT** The deputy minister to the premier's office is retiring in early 2010, the premier's office announced yesterday.

Premier Darrell Dexter said in a release Bob Fowler would be retiring after 34 years in public service effective Feb. 1.

"Bob's guidance and support has been extremely helpful to me and my team as we made the transition into government," Dexter said in a release.

Fowler has held several positions in public office, including clerk/secretary of the Executive Council, head

of the Public Service and deputy minister responsible for Communications Nova Scotia. METRO HALIFAX

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Two men, aged 19 and 62, are facing impaired driving charges in two separate incidents overnight as Halifax Regional Police continued to crack down on drunk driving over the holiday season. The 19-year-old was stopped on the Bedford Highway and the 62-year-old on Windmill Road in Dartmouth. METRO HALIFAX

Drunk driving crackdown results in two arrests

## Dexter to sell N.S. at summit

### Premier's Copenhagen delegation includes five reps

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**Go Green**

Premier Darrell Dexter is off to Copenhagen as much to sell the province as he is to talk climate change.

At a farewell press conference yesterday Dexter said there are two reasons for him, Environment Minister Sterling Belliveau and four other government reps to fly to the Copenhagen climate change summit.

One, of course, is to discuss climate change with other government officials. But he spent more time talking about promoting Nova Scotia "as a place to invest and develop green technologies."

"We have an extraordinary group of Nova Scotians who are going with us who represent many different kinds of technologies, many different kinds of opportunities for investment in this province," he said.

"We are going to promote the technological innovation that this province has."

Along with the six gov-



Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter, shown in this file photo, is going to Copenhagen to participate in the UN conference on climate change.

ernment-funded delegates, a variety of local businesses are sending representatives. These range from Nova Scotia Power, to wind, tidal and biomass producers, to the organic downtown Halifax eatery The Wooden Monkey.

Scott Travers, president of Minas Basin Pulp and Power, is hoping to find financial backing for his company's tidal energy project.

"We are certainly looking to the investment community in Europe to see if we can entice them to invest in Nova Scotia," he said.

"We would certainly like to come back with money in hand. I don't expect that to happen. What I do expect to happen is to develop relationships, letters of intent, MOUs and things of that sort."

Canada has increasingly been accused of being obstructionist and slowing progress on a new climate agreement. Yesterday Dexter refused to wade into that debate, saying it wasn't his place to criticize the federal position.

Instead he said he will be promoting Nova Scotia's approach and hoping to "add value" to the discussions.

## Grit says green trip all carbon, no impact

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**"It just doesn't make any sense to send that many people to a climate change summit when you're trying to actually reduce your carbon footprint."**

Liberal MLA Andrew Younger

The Premier's delegation to Copenhagen is an ironic waste of money and carbon, Liberal MLA Andrew Younger said yesterday.

Younger criticized the six-person delegation — which includes Darrell Dexter and Environment Minister Sterling Belliveau — as having no impact on the talks.

David Suzuki was on CBC radio the other day talking about this and he said he's not going for the reason that all of the decisions by the various coun-

tries have been made before arriving at Copenhagen," Younger said.

"So no, there's not going to be any impact."

The comments came immediately after a press conference where Dexter touted his delegation's goal of spurring investment in local green projects. A group of local busi-

ness people is also attending the summit.

Younger said he had no problem with businesses paying their own way. But he said the government only needs to send one person to "a glorified trade show."

"It just doesn't make any sense to send that many people to a climate change

summit when you're trying to actually reduce your carbon footprint," he said.

Dexter didn't know the final dollar cost of sending the delegation, but said carbon offsets have been purchased to make up for the travel pollution.

"Carbon offsets have been purchased by the government of Denmark to offset the conference. They will be reconditioning and rebuilding a certain number of factories in order to cut down greenhouse gas emissions to offset those that are going to be used," he said.

Nova Scotia Power is also purchasing offsets.

## N.B. to pay more for power after sale, says Tory

**POLITICS** A member of New Brunswick's Conservative Opposition says he has a document that shows industrial power customers in the province would pay more for power in 2016 under the proposed sale of NB Power to Hydro-Quebec than if the status quo were maintained.

Outside the house, Kirk MacDonald told reporters he had received only a few

### Question period

- During question period in the legislature, Kirk MacDonald said the document was produced internally by NB

Power and shows industry would pay \$1.7 million more for power from Hydro-Quebec in the sixth year of the deal.

pages of the report and refused to release them to the media.

Energy Minister Jack Keir says MacDonald's

claims don't make sense, especially when the proposed deal with Hydro-Quebec would see industry get an immediate 30 per

cent cut in power rates in 2010.

Keir says he's never heard of the report and challenged MacDonald to release it.

He says the Opposition is just fear-mongering and politicking with the deal.

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**Tickets on sale for youth orchestra's Sizzling Salsa dance**

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# NDP riding president quits over jail switch

Tabor 'betrayed and disillusioned' after NDP government fails to honour previous commitment

**Cumberland South's NDP champion has thrown in his orange towel in protest of the provincial government's decision to knock out the area from consideration for a 100-cell provincial jail.**

In a signed letter to local media this week, Don Tabor revealed he is now the former riding president and roasted the NDP for upholding

the "old style of politics," and not delivering a better deal for Nova Scotians as promised during the election.

In April, the previous Conservative government announced Springhill was the site for a new jail to replace the aging facility in Amherst



Don Tabor

while the site for replacing the Antigonish jail was a work-in-progress.

After the NDP took power, however, the Dexter government scrapped \$18 million from its budget for the jail and Justice Minister Ross Landry announced his department was reviewing the decision.

Landry made it official last week that neither Springhill nor Amherst will get the jail and only a single, 100-cell jail will be built somewhere between the New Brunswick border and Cape Breton.

"When he was campaigning for the election, Premier Dexter assured us that he would be honouring all the commitments previous-

ly announced by the Mac-Donald government," Tabor wrote. "Confident with his assurance, I in turn conveyed that confidence and assurance to the constituents of Cumberland South.

"I, too, feel betrayed and disillusioned by the news that we are not going to see the new facility constructed here."

Tabor says he started to receive calls from concerned citizens when the jail was put into question and, privately, he has taken steps to ensure his NDP colleagues are aware of his disappointment and is calling on the citizenry to unify and write to their MLAs, the premier and federal MP to express their dissatisfaction.

AMHERST DAILY NEWS

## Mulgrave sets sights on correctional facility

The Town of Mulgrave wants to be the home of Nova Scotia's new correctional facility.

Mayor Marnie Simmons says she's written Justice Minister Ross Landry asking him to consider Mulgrave as a suitable site for the new 100-cell jail.

Simmons says Mulgrave has everything the province is looking for in a location for the facility.

She says the community has available land, is close

to a 100-series highway and two hospitals, and has fire protection and police services.

The province announced last week it will build one new jail to replace two aging correctional facilities in Antigonish and Amherst.

The new jail will serve the counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough and Richmond.

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## Correctional service dog program not being cancelled, says official

An award-winning program that provides therapy service dogs to disabled individuals is not being terminated, despite rumours to the contrary, an official says.

The program has not been cancelled, said Etienne Chiasson, a spokesperson with Correctional Services Canada, regarding the Pawsitive Directions Canine Program at Nova Institution for Women in Truro.

**"It was chosen as the top correctional service program in the world in 2007."**

Logan said she has been training a replacement for the past two years in preparation for a seamless takeover when she did retire.

"She is more than capable of doing the job and taking it over," she said of the assistant, who is also an inmate at the institution.

But Chiasson said such a transition is not that simple because the program is a federal contract position that must be handled through the normal tendering process.

"All I know right now," he said, "is that the institution is going through a process and we're trying to make it so that the program can resume as soon as possible because it is a good program.

It has proven its worth over the years and the contractor has done a wonderful job of making that happen."

Program facilitator Heather Logan, who also designed the initiative, recently retired, which resulted in the program being interrupted.

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# Canada



## Mother shot in front of child

Toronto police were searching for a male suspect yesterday in the slaying of 45-year-old Laura Rios, left, shot dead in front of her little girl. The two-year-old child, who was in a vehicle nearby, was not injured during the Monday night shooting and police said she is in a "safe place." Rios was arriving home about 8:45 p.m. and organizing herself to get out of the car when the gunman fired.

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## Beware of warmth, UN tells Canada

Agency notes troubling hot spots in B.C., tornadoes in Ontario



**The United Nations weather agency's sobering forecast that this decade may rank as the warmest since records were first kept in 1850, could turn up the heat on Canada.**

The news — which also said 2009 could be one of

the five warmest years ever recorded by scientists — comes as the Harper government faces heavy criticism at home and abroad to do more to fight climate change.

But Canada's top climate envoy says the UN report doesn't crank up the pressure to get a deal done in Copenhagen.

"I think it is simply that,

a re-confirmation of what we know," said Michael Martin, the chief climate-change negotiator.

"We know that the science is clear and that we need to take urgent action."

If there was any ray of sunshine poking through the gloomy forecast, it was that only Canada and the United States experienced cooler conditions than average.

January's average temperature in the Great Lakes region was colder than normal.

But the UN agency still noted troubling signs of a warming across Canada.

Vancouver and Victoria set hot-weather records in late July. A record number of tornadoes whipped across Ontario, killing a record number of people. And avalanches were almost double the yearly average for the past decade.

The warming effects have also been felt in the North.

Arctic sea ice has been melting for three decades. The biggest thaws come during the summer melt season.

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## CRTC tries to clear up carriage fee debate

**TELEVISION** It took the deadpan, I-don't-suffer-fools-gladly style of broadcast regulator Konrad Von Finckenstein to pinpoint what many Canadians might be feeling about the bewildering cable-versus-TV battle.

**"We seem to have a debate that nobody understands."**

"Why are we frightening consumers, why are we putting out big Finckenstein, CRTC figures, rather than trying to figure out how to solve this problem? The problem is we want to keep a viable Canadian TV system," the chairman of the Canadian Radio-television Commission asked a row of cable and satellite executives yesterday.

"Instead, we seem to have a debate that nobody understands, we have a

huge publicity campaign that nobody understands, and we have figures and concepts swirling around that don't make sense.

For the third time, the CRTC is examining whether

conventional broadcasters should be paid fees by the cable and satellite companies for the privilege of carrying their channels. The issue is dubbed value for signal, or fee for carriage.

Those broadcasters — including CBC, Global and CTV — say with lower ad revenues and fragmented market share, they cannot afford to keep local stations running without a new revenue stream.

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## Games Torch enters Mohawk town



Alwyn Morris, a 1984 Olympic gold medallist, shares the Olympic flame with local children yesterday as he carries it through the Mohawk town of Kahnawake south of Montreal.

## Calgary PETA 'bunnies' protest fur



Wearing bunny ears, cottontails, and signs reading, "Only Animals Should Wear Fur," PETA protesters Kristina Addington, right, and Elisa Mittag, are watched by construction workers on a -20C day in Calgary, yesterday. The pair were in downtown Calgary to urge people to cross fur off their shopping Christmas lists.

## Dziekanski Taser use 'inappropriate'

**WATCHDOG** The use of an RCMP Taser against Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport was "inappropriate" and the explanations of the four officers involved weren't credible, says the force's independent watchdog.

The Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP released a harshly critical report yesterday into what happened the night Dziekanski died in October 2007, criticizing nearly every aspect of the officers' response to the agitated man and their actions afterwards.

"The versions of events given to investigators by the four RCMP officers involved in the Vancouver International Airport in-custody death of Robert Dziekanski are not deemed

## Officers under scrutiny

• Crown prosecutors in B.C. decided not to charge any of the four officers, concluding their actions were justified under

credible by my commission," chairman Paul Kennedy told reporters.

Kennedy said he was also aware of the testimony the officers gave at a B.C. public inquiry into the death.

"I've indicated to you that I have not found that credible. I don't attach any weight to it. They gave their explanations at the time in their notes, and so on, and what I've chosen to do in my analysis is to look at the Pritchard video," he said, referring to a witness's video of the last moments of Dziekanski's life.

the circumstances. But their conduct has still been under scrutiny, particularly after their testimony at the public inquiry.

That video differed wildly from the police account of the confrontation, sparking widespread public outrage.

The officers were called to the airport after Dziekanski, who didn't speak English and had arrived from Poland nearly 10 hours earlier, started throwing furniture in the international arrivals area.

Within seconds, one of them stunned the Polish immigrant with a Taser and then fired the weapon four more times.

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## More tax benefits for poor urged

**POVERTY** A Senate report on poverty says tax benefits for the poor should be increased to give them a guaranteed income equal to what is called the low-income cut-off line.

The report from the social affairs committee urges a federal minimum wage of \$10 and says that child tax benefits should gradually rise to \$5,000.

The report says government's goal should be to get people out of poverty, rather than trying to make poverty more manageable.

The 74 recommendations in the 290-page report cover everything from the general problems of getting people off welfare, to social housing, help for aboriginals and refugees and a federal-provincial strategy for early-childhood education.

The report says the country's system for lifting people out of poverty is broken and needs an overhaul.

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## Lawyer argues Black case to court

**VAGUE** Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court are asking tough questions about the fraud conviction of Canadian business mogul Conrad Black. The questions suggest that the federal law that helped convict him may be too vague.

Black's lawyer, Miguel Estrada, argued that the law is so vague that it gives prosecutors free rein to prosecute and convict any conduct that looks suspicious.

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## News in brief

**RECALL** Two infant deaths in the U.S. have led to the recall of Amby Baby Motion Beds in that country, and Health Canada is advising Canadians to stop using the hammock-like baby bed due to a potential suffocation hazard.

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A new report urges Ottawa to partner with municipalities as a cheaper way to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Scan this barcode for the full story.

**Pope laments media coverage of evil**

Pope Benedict XVI yesterday lamented what he described as a steady diet of news about evil in the world, saying it hardens hearts, as he prayed at Rome's Spanish Steps in a Christmas season tradition. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# World

## The heat is on

UN agency says this decade warmest ever; only North America experienced cooler temps overall

**This decade is on track to become the warmest since records began in 1850, and 2009 could rank among the top five warmest years, the UN weather agency reported yesterday on the second day of a pivotal 192-nation climate conference in Denmark.**

Only Canada and the U.S. experienced cooler conditions than average, the World Meteorological Organization said, although Alaska had the second-warmest July on record.

In central Africa and southern Asia, this will probably be the warmest year, but overall, 2009 will "be about the fifth-warmest year on record," said Michel Jarraud, secretary-general of the WMO.

The decade 2000 to 2009 "is very likely to be the warmest on record, warmer than the 1990s, than the 1980s and so on,"

### Go Green



Jarraud told a news conference, holding a chart with a temperature curve pointing upward. The second warmest decade was the 1990s.

From 2007 to 2009, the summer melt reduced the Arctic Ocean ice cap to its smallest extent ever recorded.

In the 2007-2009 International Polar Year, researchers found that Antarctica is warming more than previously believed. Almost all glaciers worldwide are retreating.

Meanwhile, such destructive species as jellyfish and bark-eating beetles are moving northward out of normal ranges, and seas expanding from warmth and glacier melt are encroaching on low-lying island states.

If 2009 ends as the fifth-warmest year, it would replace the year 2003.

According to the U.S. space agency NASA, the other warmest years since 1850 have been 2005, 1998, 2007 and 2006. NASA says the differences in readings among these years are so small as to be statistically insignificant.

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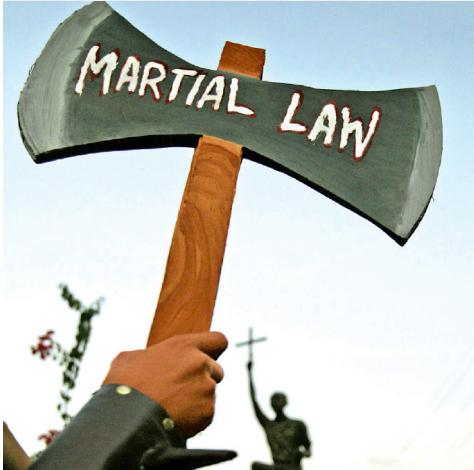
### More than 11,000 killed by police?

**BRAZIL** Police in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo have killed more than 11,000 people in the past six years, many in execution-style slayings, according to a report released yesterday by Human Rights Watch.

Few of the officers have been charged in the extra-judicial killings, which are often labelled in police reports as the deaths of suspects who resisted arrest, the report said.

The 122-page declaration echoes a 2008 UN finding that police throughout Brazil were responsible for a "significant portion" of 48,000 slayings the year before. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Philippines Martial law protested



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An activist holds a mock axe to condemn martial law during a protest in Manila yesterday. Amnesty International called on the Philippine government to revoke martial law in Maguindanao province, where troops cracked down on a clan and its supporters blamed for the massacre of 57 people.

### News in brief

**FLU** The British Medical Journal and Britain's Channel 4 are questioning the value of the class of drugs to which Tamiflu

belongs, saying there is little evidence to show the drugs reduce complications of seasonal flu. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Sheriff's officials say more bones found in California's Death Valley could be the remains of four German tourists who vanished 13 years ago. Cornelia Meyer; her four-year-old son; her boyfriend, Egbert Rimkus, and his 10-year-old son vanished in 50-degree heat during a trip to the Mojave Desert park in 1996. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News in brief

**MISSOURI** A 15-year-old girl pleaded not guilty yesterday to killing a nine-year-old neighbour girl, who authorities allege was slain because the teen wanted to know what it felt like to kill

someone. Alyssa Bustamante sat silently as an attorney entered a not guilty plea on her behalf to first-degree murder and armed criminal action in the Oct. 21 death of Elizabeth Olten. Bustamante often gazed

down — her long bangs covering her eyes, her hands and feet shackled — during a county court hearing that lasted less than a minute. The girls lived several houses apart.

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## H1N1 Vaccine Clinics DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Between public clinics, family physicians, workplace occupational health and private nursing agencies, we estimate that more than half of the Capital Health district has been vaccinated so far.

We encourage you to attend any of the following public H1N1 vaccination clinics in December, being held mostly in high schools throughout the Capital Health district. Students and staff can be vaccinated during the school day and the clinics are open to the general public during the hours listed below.

The pandemic is not over. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family. These clinics are open to all, but if you can't get to one, contact your family doctor, employer or nearest walk-in clinic.

### Wednesday, December 9

<b>Charles P. Allen High School</b> 670 Rocky Lake Drive, Bedford	4:00 pm - 8:30 pm
<b>Dartmouth High School</b> 95 Victoria Road, Dartmouth	4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### Thursday, December 10

<b>Halifax West High School</b> 283 Thomas Raddall Drive	4:00 pm - 8:30 pm
<b>Eastern Shore District High School</b> 35 Petpeswick Road, Musquodoboit Harbour	4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### Friday, December 11

<b>Millwood High School</b> 141 Millwood Drive, Lower Sackville	4:00 pm - 8:30 pm
<b>Cole Harbour District High School</b> 2 Chameau Crescent, Cole Harbour	2:30 pm - 8:30 pm

### Monday, December 14

<b>Sir John A. Macdonald High School</b> 31 Scholars Road, Upper Tantallon	4:00 pm - 8:30 pm
<b>J.L. Ilsley High School</b> 38 Sylvia Avenue, Halifax	3:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### Tuesday, December 15

<b>Duncan MacMillan High School</b> 481 Church Point Road, Sheet Harbour	3:00 pm - 6:30 pm
<b>Auburn Drive High School</b> 300 Auburn Drive, Dartmouth	4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### What you need to know when you come for your vaccine:

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- Wear short sleeves and loose clothing
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www.iwk.nshealth.ca, gov.ns.ca/h1n1 or  
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Bones found in Death Valley may be tourists

# More drama for Tiger

Mother-in-law taken from his home to hospital

**Emergency crews were summoned to Tiger Woods' Orlando-area mansion for the second time in less than two weeks yesterday, this time because his mother-in-law was having stomach pains.**

Barbro Holmberg was taken by ambulance to Health Central Hospital with stomach pains after a 911 call from Woods' house.

Holmberg, a Swedish politician, was released about 11 hours later and returned to Woods' mansion, hospital spokesman Dan Yates said.

Holmberg, who arrived in the U.S. a few days ago, lives in Sweden and is the mother of Woods' wife, Elin.

Health Central is the same hospital where Woods was treated after he



been seeing a New York nightclub hostess, Rachel Uchitel, who has denied it. After the crash, Us Weekly reported that a Los Angeles cocktail waitress named Jaimee Grubbs claims she had a 31-month affair with Woods.

Last week, Woods issued a statement saying he had let his family down with unspecified "transgressions" that he regrets with "all of my heart." He did not elaborate.

A police report on the crash released Monday showed that a Florida trooper who suspected Woods was driving under the influence sought a subpoena for the golfer's blood results from the hospital he was taken to after the crash, but prosecutors rejected the petition for insufficient information.

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# Obama turns focus to jobs

**ECONOMY** U.S. President Barack Obama set out fresh plans yesterday to reinvigorate the U.S. economy, focusing on incentives to small businesses and hiring to bring down what he called the "staggering" American 10 per cent unemployment rate.

Obama said he wants to push money left over from a financial rescue plan — the Troubled Asset Relief Program — toward the small business community for investment and hiring. He said additional funds also would be sought from other sources for infrastructure improvements and rebates to consumers who make their homes more energy efficient.

Obama has stepped up attention on America's high unemployment rate after spending much of the last few months focused mostly



A woman stands next to a poster of Barack Obama outside the Nobel Peace Center in Oslo, Norway yesterday. Obama will receive the Nobel Peace Prize there tomorrow.

on health care and the war in Afghanistan.

The state of the economy — and the jobless rate in particular — could be the key issue in determining whether Democrats preserve their majorities in both chambers of Congress in next November's midterm elections.

"Our work is far from done. For even though we

have reduced the deluge of job losses to a relative trickle, we are not yet creating jobs at a pace to help all those families who have been swept up in the flood," the president said.

"There are more than seven million fewer Americans with jobs today than when this recession began. That's a staggering figure."

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# Wave of deadly violence strikes Baghdad

**IRAQ** A series of co-ordinated attacks struck Baghdad yesterday, including two suicide car bombers and another vehicle that blew up near government sites. At least 127 were killed and hundreds wounded in the worst wave of violence in the capital in more than a month, authorities said.

A total of five attacks, which also included a suicide car bomb on a police patrol, showed the ability of insurgents to strike high-profile targets in the heart of Baghdad and marked the third time since August that govern-

## Uptick?

- The bombings marked the most serious spate of violence in Baghdad since twin car bombs on Oct. 25 struck outside government offices, killing at least 155. In August, suicide bombers hit the finance and foreign ministries, killing more than 100.

ment buildings were targeted with multiple blasts that killed more than 100 people.

The bombings reinforced concerns about shortcom-

ings in Iraqi security as U.S. forces plan their withdrawal, and parliament held an emergency session with many lawmakers demanding answers for apparent security lapses.

Iraq's military spokesman blamed the carnage on an alliance of al-Qaida in Iraq and members of Saddam Hussein's banned Baath Party.

Overall violence has dropped sharply around Iraq in the past year, though insurgents have stepped up attacks at government sites in recent months.

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## Treading water in a 'petrostate'

## TheWestView

**Paul Sullivan**

When Stephen Harper arrives at the Copenhagen climate conference next week here's hoping security is better than it was Monday when Greenpeace managed to crawl

all over the Parliament Buildings unmolested.

Good thing Greenpeace is not a terrorist organization.

The real bad boy, say environmentalists, is Canada itself. Traditionally boring at worst, we have somehow acquired the status of rogue nation, like Iran. And if you think I exaggerate, here's Guardian columnist and climate crusader George Monbiot:

"The immediate threat to the global effort to sustain a peaceful and stable world comes not from Saudi Arabia or Iran or China.

It comes from Canada."

Huh? Monbiot is shocked and appalled by Alberta's oil-sands and it makes him say inflammatory things: "So here I am, watching the astonishing spectacle of a beautiful, cultured nation turning itself into a corrupt petrostate."

"Corrupt petrostate" may be a bit harsh, but we are the only signatory to the Kyoto accord to abandon our commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Instead, says Monbiot, we've actually increased by 26 per cent.

The climate change performance index ranks Canada 59th out of 60, just ahead of last-place Saudi Arabia, that green paragon.

Until recently, Harper was blithely indifferent to all this climate change nonsense and wasn't planning to show up at Copenhagen. Maybe he's tired of being treated like the Kim Jong Il of climate change and doesn't want Canada declared Fossil of the Year for the third year in a row by the international environmental movement. Three-peat!

I suspect it's about what it's always about, the polls: 64 per cent of Canadians say rich nations have a responsibility to commit to tougher targets than developing countries. And Harper's plan to march lockstep with the Americans on climate has fallen flat as 81 per cent say Canada should act independently of the U.S.

So Harper's commitment to stay the corrupt petrostate course is causing him grief wherever humans breathe the air. He'll have to watch out for flying shoes and cream pies

in Copenhagen. But that's all he's likely to do, as being a corrupt petrostate has its advantages, especially when the economic outlook is frostier than the weather forecast.

Meanwhile, the UN says this decade will likely be the warmest on record and as the ice melts, the oceans are rising 80 per cent higher than its 2001 forecast.

Good time to be treading water, eh?

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### Word on the street: How well did the media handle the Tiger Woods affair?

**Marcus Bravo**  
Alberta

A: They handled it like they would any other celebrity problem.



**Victoria Barry**  
West Chezzetcook

A: I think it was executed just fine. I liked the humour of it; I liked the jokes they made. I have no complaints.



**Quincy Russell**  
Halifax

A: I think they jumped on Tiger because he hasn't had any kind of black marks on his name and that was their first opportunity to get him for something.



**Amanda Bartram**  
Vancouver

A: I feel he has been exploited just because he is a celebrity, and if he wasn't a celebrity it wouldn't be as big of a deal. It happens all the time and I don't think it belongs in the media.



**Cody Dueck**  
Ottawa

A: I think it's his own business. I think the media is blowing it out of proportion.



**Emma Cassidy**  
Toronto

A: They've exploited it. I think it's detrimental to Tiger Woods' family and relationships ... I think it's overkill ... I think it's disrespectful and hurtful to his family.



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New Brunswick candymaker Ganong Brothers has launched a provincial project to involve employers and the public in reducing the wage gap between men and women. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

**Candymaker launches wage equity campaign**

# Business

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## Rates stay at historic low

Bank of Canada says economy still fragile

The Bank of Canada is keeping its rates at historic lows, warning that while there are signs the economy is on the upswing, "significant fragilities remain."

Those fragilities manifested themselves in an economy that grew less than analysts expected in the third quarter of the year, and inflation that has been slightly higher than the central bank expected.

For those reasons, the Bank of Canada said yesterday its key overnight rate will remain unchanged at 0.25 per cent, effectively the lowest pos-

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the bank said in a release yesterday.

The Bank of Canada made an unusual commitment early this year to keep its key rates unchanged until the middle of 2010, but economists have speculated that might change if the economy grew too quickly and inflation threatened to get out of hand.

On Tuesday, the central bank repeated its pledge to keep rates at this level until the end of the second quarter 2010 and renewed its warning about the risks for inflation.

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### In brief

**CANWEST** A lawyer for Canwest Global Communications Corp. says investment partner Goldman Sachs is hindering the company's restructuring process. Lyndon Barnes told a Superior Court judge that a disagreement over the ownership of its media division that holds specialty TV assets could slow down the entire restructuring, which he calls a selfish move by Goldman to gain an unfair advantage. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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### Japan Stimulus shot



Shoppers walk on glitzy Ginza shopping district, in Tokyo, Japan yesterday. Japan's government yesterday unveiled \$81 billion of new stimulus spending to keep the world's second-biggest economy from lurching back into recession.

## Publishers team up to form digital newsstand for 2010

**COMPETITION** Five of the largest publishers of newspapers and magazines in the U.S. plan to challenge Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle electronic-book reader with their own digital format that would display in colour on a variety of devices.

Homes and Gardens, announced a joint venture yesterday to develop the format that rivals Kindle's grey "electronic ink." It promises to emphasize visuals, retaining the distinctive look of each publication, as compared to the text-oriented Kindle.

Companies hope to sell content in the new format starting in 2010.

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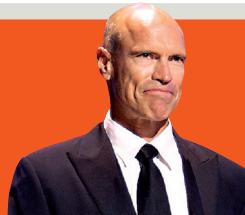
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Flyers goalie Ray Emery will undergo surgery today to repair a torn muscle in his lower abdomen, and is expected to miss about six weeks. Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren made the announcement last night before the Flyers played the New York Islanders. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Emery to undergo surgery**

# Sports



## New job for Messier

The Moose is taking his next management role with the national team. Mark Messier will be named Canada's general manager for the 2010 IIHF World Hockey Championship at a press conference this morning, a source told The Canadian Press.

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# Rainmen sign another big man

Seven-foot-three 'Skyscraper' has team owner excited about possibilities

**ALY THOMSON**  
for Metro Halifax

### The Halifax Rainmen have signed a 'Skyscraper.'

Team owner Andre Levingston announced yesterday that seven-foot-three Shagari Alleyne, nicknamed "Skyscraper," has signed with the Premier Basketball League club.

Alleyne played NCAA Division I basketball for the University of Kentucky and then professionally with the Albuquerque Thunderbirds of the NBA's Development

League.

The nickname "Skyscraper" came in 2008 when he was invited to join and play with the Harlem Globetrotters.

Levingston said the Rainmen have been negotiating with the 25-year-old for about a month, and yesterday he was made available.

"He had a good training camp with the Thunderbirds, but it's a numbers game in that league — NBA players have first options," said



Shagari Alleyne

Levingston, referring to an NBA player coming down to the D league and bumping Alleyne out.

Levingston said he's very excited about having a player with Alleyne's skill and size. He said Alleyne has an eight-foot wingspan.

"He's talented, he's long, and he's a great shot blocker ... he's going to make it tough," Levingston said of Alleyne, who in 2007 tried out for the Philadelphia 76ers but failed to make the NBA club.

"He's just tough. He's the kind of guard we're looking to come and in do

Levingston also signed point guard Gary Ervin yesterday, who played NCAA Division I with Arkansas and then for several teams in the NBA D league.

"He's just tough. He's the kind of guard we're looking to come and in do

### Who's onboard

The current Rainmen roster:

- GUARDS: Tony Bennett; Lonell Shuler Jones; Devon Norris; Garry Gallimore; Adris Deleon, Gary Ervin.
- FORWARDS: Eric Crook-

shank; Desmond Ferguson; John Strickland; Jevohn Shepard.

- CENTRES: Gordon Malone; Mark McCarroll, Shagari Alleyne.

after the club signed four other players, including six-foot-11 centre Mark McCarroll.

The 29-year-old McCarroll played NCAA Division I with the University of Pittsburgh and is an experienced professional player with several stints on overseas teams.

The Rainmen now have 13 signed players on their roster.

Levingston said the club wouldn't be signing anymore players until after the team takes to the court in the pre-season games, which begin on Dec. 19.

### Sports in brief

**SOCCER** Bayern Munich scored two goals in each half yesterday to beat Juventus 4-1 and advance to the knockout round of the Champions League. Elsewhere in Champions League action, it was Manchester United 3 Wolfsburg 1, Real Madrid 3 Marseille 1, and Chelsea 2 APOEL Nicosia 2.

**HOCKEY** Canadian scoring star

Cody Hodgson will miss the world junior championship with a back injury. The 19-year-old informed Hockey Canada yesterday that he will not be able to participate in a selection camp that begins Saturday in Regina.

**FOOTBALL** Alabama's Rolando McClain won the Butkus Award as U.S. college football's top

linebacker. He was presented the award yesterday morning in a surprise visit by Dick Butkus, a Hall of Fame linebacker.

**BASEBALL** Chone Figgins and the Seattle Mariners have finalized their \$36-million US, four-year contract. The deal includes a vesting option for 2014 that could make it worth \$45 million over five years.

**NASCAR** Danica Patrick signed with JR Motorsports yesterday to give NASCAR a try, but her schedule in the second-tier Nationwide Series has yet to be determined. Patrick will make her stock car racing debut in the Feb. 6 ARCA race at Daytona International Speedway.

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some great things for us," said Levingston.

Ervin, 26, averaged eight points per game and three assists in 25 games last season for two different clubs in the D league.

The signing of Alleyne and Ervin comes one day

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6. Stephen Stille	ON, CA	421	173	240	413
10. Rick Kit	ON, CA	417	179	232	411
11. Shawn Tschritter	AB, CA	417	171	239	410
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Ottawa's Daniel Alfredsson tries to push the puck past Montreal netminder Jaroslav Halak in Ottawa last night.

## Habs best Sens

Jaroslav Halak made 45 saves and Marc-Andre Bergeron scored the go-ahead goal on a second-period power play yesterday to lift the Montreal Canadiens to a 4-1 victory over the Ottawa Senators.

Bergeron added an assist and Andrei Kostitsyn also had a goal and set up another as the streaking Canadiens won their third in a row before a crowd of 18,866 at Scotiabank Place.

Mike Cammalleri continued to wield a hot stick for Montreal with his fifth goal in the past three games and

Tomas Plekanec registered three assists to give him six in the past three outings.

Scott Gomez added an empty-net goal.

The Canadiens (15-14-2) went 2-for-3 on the power play.

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**Season over for Portis**

The Washington Redskins placed running back Clinton Portis on injured reserve yesterday, ending his season. Portis was hurt in a helmet-to-helmet hit against Atlanta on Nov. 8 and since struggled with vision problems and dizziness. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# 'Hideous' rocks the centre of controversy

Players finding fault with equipment at curling trials

**In a game where even a speck of dust can influence the final outcome, problems with something as significant as the curling rocks can prove to be a disaster.**

The buzz at the Canadian Olympic curling trials is circulating around one set of yellow curling stones on Sheet A, which is causing nightmares for skips attempting to represent Canada at the 2010 Winter Olympics.

"The ice is perfect but the rocks are hideous. They decided to go with a set of rocks they thought they knew and those rocks are just worn out," said former Brier and world champion Wayne Middaugh, moments after losing 7-3 to Edmonton's Kevin Martin and watching his record drop to 0-3.

"They're a hideous set of rocks and across all four sheets I don't think anybody will tell you differently," he added.

Glenn Howard, who



struggled with the same set of rocks in his opening win over Jeff Stoughton Sunday, said it's hard to believe these are the same rocks used at the Brier in Calgary last March.

"It was a tough set. It was one of the toughest sets we played with this year but I'm kind of proud of the fact we won the game," Howard said.

"We knew what the rocks were doing and we adjusted accordingly."

## Sports in brief

**TRADE** The Columbus Blue Jackets have acquired defenceman Brendan Bell and forward Tomas Kana from the St. Louis Blues in exchange for forward Pascal Pelletier. Columbus general manager Scott Howson announced the trade yesterday.

**OLYMPIC HOCKEY** Steve Yzerman is going to name Team Canada a day earlier than expected. Hockey Canada confirmed yesterday that it has changed the Olympic announcement to the morning of Dec. 30. It had originally been scheduled for New Year's Eve.

**BIG UNIT** Randy Johnson's agent says the Big Unit is still weighing his decision about whether to pitch again in 2010 or retire after 22 major league seasons. Alan Nero expects to know in the coming weeks whether the 46-year-old Johnson will return for another year.

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Philadelphia 6, NY Islanders 2  
Nashville 4, Vancouver 2  
Dallas 4, Anaheim

### NBA

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Charlotte 107, Denver 95  
Dallas 103, Phoenix 101  
Memphis 111, Cleveland 109 (OT)  
New Jersey 103, Chicago 101  
New Orleans 96, Sacramento 94  
Orlando 101, LA Clippers

- Cheryl Bernard picked up her fourth straight victory at the Canadian Olympic curling trials yesterday, stealing four from Kelly Scott in the 10th end to seal a 9-7 win. In other action, defending women's national champion Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg picked up her second consecutive win with a 9-7 victory over Calgary's Crystal Webster.
- Glenn Howard remains the only unbeaten men's team at the Canadian Olympic curling trials. Howard, of Coldwater, Ont., improved to 3-0 after dumping 25-year-old Jason Gunnlaugson 6-4 yesterday at Rexall Place. Edmonton's Kevin Koe suffered his first defeat. He dropped a 6-5 decision to Jeff Stoughton of Winnipeg.

The head ice technician at the event, Hans Wuthrich, hadn't heard there was a problem and was at a loss to explain what could have happened.

"There were some rocks that we fixed — they had little pits in them so we fixed them — but there shouldn't be those kind of differences in those rocks. I don't know where that's coming from or why," said Wuthrich, who is making ice at the Olympics.

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The New York Yankees reached a tentative agreement yesterday on a three-team, seven-player swap that would bring them all-star centre-fielder Curtis Granderson from Detroit.

## Yankees reach deal for Granderson

Instead of spending at these winter meetings, the New York Yankees are in a dealing mode.

The World Series champions pulled off the first big trade of this year's session, reaching a tentative agreement yesterday on a three-team, seven-player swap that would bring them all-star centre-fielder Curtis Granderson from Detroit.

New York would trade right-hander Ian Kennedy

to Arizona, and lefty reliever Phil Coke and outfield prospect Austin Jackson to Detroit, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity because the deal was not yet final.

Detroit would ship all-star pitcher Edwin Jackson to the Diamondbacks, and Arizona would send touted young pitchers Max Scherzer and Daniel Schlereth to the Tigers. The teams were still working on technical aspects of

the trade, the official said, including checking medical records.

Among free agents, the Washington Nationals surprised many by reaching a preliminary agreement on a \$6-million US, two-year contract with 38-year-old catcher Ivan Rodriguez, a person familiar with those talks said. That person spoke on condition of anonymity because Pudge must pass a physical.

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Due to a rebound in financial markets, Canadian university endowment funds have recouped much of the losses they suffered during the downturn. Despite gains, universities remain cautious about endowment spending and will continue with the money-saving measures according to University Affairs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Workology

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## Ontario Colleges' worldly goal

In a new position paper from Colleges Ontario, the presidents of the province's 24 colleges propose the Ontario government adopt four goals to successfully implement a new vision for higher education in the province. These goals include improving student mobility and expanding student choice and aligning PSE with the needs of the transforming economy. The goal, the report states, is to make Ontario a world leader in PSE. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## The best Santa you can be

### 'Tis the Season

**Over the next few weeks Metro's Workology section will be shining a light on some of the jobs that pop up around the holiday season and disappear just as quickly afterwards. Check back every Wednesday.**

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Canada

**Jennifer Andrews is not a white-bearded, elderly man. "I'm not a jolly fat guy at all!" she laughs, but the 37-year-old is Head Elf at the Santa School, a world-renowned training centre for top Santas.**

Based in Calgary, the Santa School draws Father Christmases from all over Canada and the U.S., teaches them the secrets of St. Nick, then dispatches them across the continent and beyond, including to the U.K. and Hong Kong.

The school was founded by Victor Nevada, but when he passed away in March, Andrews stepped up to "carry the candy cane."

The school offers a three-pronged approach. "We train Santas, we supply outfits and accessories for Santas, and we book out Santas," Andrews explains. "What makes a Santa great is what's in his heart, but you can't train that. What we train them to do is ... how to give the full show when they walk through the door."

Santa's got to smell right, look "regal" and keep his beard bushy. Professional actors and voice coaches ensure the ho-ho-hos have a North Pole accent.

"We don't want cookie-cutter Santas. We want them to be their own genuine version of that character, because Santa can't be everywhere all the time," she says. "He's a busy guy."

They also train elves and Mrs. Clauses and bring in real reindeer so the L.A. and Miami Santas can "reunite" with their coworkers for photos. The school goes into overdrive to meet the fall need for new Santas and is planning to start offering a spring course to keep up with demand.

Gerald Cooper could probably set up a Santa school of his own: He's

### Santa school tips

- Stay in character the whole time.
- Have the right outfit.
- Practise your Ho-ho-hos.
- Remember: It's all about the love.

been slipping into the big red suit since the 1950s. The 74-year-old and his wife, Betty, team up as Mr. and Mrs. Claus around Halifax. He loves community centres and hospitals, but shuns off shopping malls years ago.

"You sit there with this warm suit on for one full hour, and it's a steady stream of kids sitting on your lap," he recalls. He prefers the quality time of a guest appearance. He advises Santas to keep it short:

15 minutes is all you need to bring the cheer.

He's had a lot of surprising requests for Christmas gifts, including a woman who confided: "Santa, I'd like a man."

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## Office parties: Team building events, or needless expense?

### Dragons' Den

**Dianne Buckner**

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It is the season to party it up! Company holiday parties ain't what they used to be, thanks to the economic downturn. They've actually been winding down for some time now, with employers' dawning realization that getting staff liquored up isn't really the best idea at any time of year. Bill's off-colour jokes and Sally's stripper dance moves were probably best kept to their personal lives.

But is workplace socializing a good idea in the first place?

Arlene Dickinson says yes. She's the sole female on the panel of Dragons' Den, bringing not only a woman's perspective to the business ideas that get pitched, but also a marketer's viewpoint. Her firm Venture Communications has expanded beyond Calgary to offices in Toronto and Ottawa.

"My company has a regular social outing," says Arlene. "Every Thursday we shut down at 4 p.m., and head out of the office to spend some time together, to celebrate something that we've achieved as an organization that week." She picks up the tab.

Arlene acknowledges that not everybody is social by nature, but she believes this type of team-building exercise contributes to the company's success.

"It helps the culture of an organization," she says. "There's no big structure to our get-togethers – it's just a chance for everyone to take a breath, and get to know each other."

It's rare for companies to sponsor social time outside of work. Most of the time if there's an after-work beer expedition, co-workers have organized it themselves. But those gatherings can improve a person's feelings about the workplace.

Even if you don't choose to spend valuable personal time with colleagues, it's important to greet people nicely every day, and inquire about their life outside work. Life is too short to not have a pleasant environment in which to work.

The Dragons' Den staff



**Kevin O'Leary wishes you a happy holiday season. This column will be taking a break until the show starts up in January.**

has certainly built a strong team spirit, in part through socializing at "Health and Safety" meetings, the code-name for our outings! And the result is an display tonight on television — an entertaining, informative show that requires plenty of creativity and hard work.

The holiday theme of tonight's episode didn't stop the Dragons from insulting each other even more than usual — and the production team will be watching at the executive producer's home!

Dianne Buckner hosts Gemini-winning show *Dragons' Den*. She's also a weekend anchor on the CBC News Network. *Dragons' Den* airs tonight at 8 p.m. on CBC.

**MADD rates impaired driving laws**

Ontario has taken the top honours for effective impaired driving laws, while Nunavut was the worst in ratings by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. [CANADIANDRIVER.COM](http://CANADIANDRIVER.COM)

# Metro Drive



## Audi's green win

For the second year in a row, Green Car Journal has named a German diesel Green Car of the Year. The 42-mpg Audi A3 TDI topped a field that included three hybrids and two diesels to take the award presented at the Los Angeles Auto Show. [WIRED.COM](http://WIRED.COM)

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## Outback's come a long way

### Mix of wagon and sport-ute Subaru's winning combo

MARK ATKINSON  
for Metro Canada

**Who can forget those mid-'90s ads starring Aussie actor Paul Hogan shilling for some car company you'd never really heard from before? And that Outback thing he was pushing? It promised more room, better handling and less fuel consumption compared to the best-selling Ford Explorers and Jeep Grand Cherokees of the time. Seemed very cheeky for a station wagon on stilts to suggest it could keep up with the traditional body-on-frame SUVs that dominated the sales charts.**

Fast forward 15 years, and the Outback is hitting its fourth generation in stride, but still maintaining the same mission as before: to offer the space, performance and abilities of a sport-ute in the silhouette and footprint of a station wagon.

The new 2010 Outback — named the Best New SUV/CUV under \$35K at the Automotive Journalists

The 2010 Subaru Outback was named the Best New SUV/CUV under \$35K at the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada Awards.



Association of Canada Awards — remains based on the Legacy sedan, which means that its footprint is longer and wider than before. Taller too.

Most Outbacks receive power from a revised 2.5-litre four-cylinder boxer engine that produces 170 hp. In the base car, that engine receives a PZEV (Partial Ze-

ro Emissions Vehicle) rating, which is ideal for the environmentally conscious crew. The 2.5 receives two new transmissions for 2010: a standard six-speed manual, and the company's new continually variable transmission (CVT). The Lineartronic CVT uses a chain rather than a belt to improve power delivery,

and on the road, the standard steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters give the driver more than enough control on the road.

To tackle the rough stuff, every Outback uses Subaru's full-time "symmetrical" all-wheel drive system, and the revised suspension now rides higher than before, giving more ground

clearance than most "real" SUVs.

The Outback doesn't feel tippy when driving. In fact, its ability to negotiate rough gravel roads and washouts is highly impressive.

Inside, Subaru has delivered a spacious cabin with improved materials and excellent levels of standard



Subaru has delivered a spacious cabin with improved materials and excellent levels of convenience and safety equipment.

### 2010 Subaru Outback

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**HP:** 170

#### Highlights

- Combination of sporty utility and station wagon
- Huge cargo space
- Steady on off-roading

convenience and safety equipment, including a plug-and-play USB audio system. Every Outback delivers huge cargo space thanks to a revised rear suspension that intrudes less into the body.

Pricing starts at \$28,995 for the 2.5i PZEV while the 3.6R starts at \$35,695.

Subaru has delivered a larger, more capable vehicle with more equipment and are offering it at a lower price.

## Sienna revamped for 2011

**NEW MODEL** An all-new, third-generation, 2011 Toyota Sienna was unveiled recently at the 2009 Los Angeles Auto Show.

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# C-word in time of Copenhagen

## AutoPilot

**Michael Goetz**

[metronews.ca/autopilot](#)

Canada Customs has just issued a new travel advisory:

Don't drag up and down the streets of Copenhagen in a crew-cab pickup with Alberta plates. Maybe even leave your sealskin fur hat at home this time, and certainly keep tire smoking burnouts to a minimum.

Apparently Copenhagen is currently hosting some kind of UN conference about something

called "climate change," and many attendees are not blowing kisses in Canada's direction.

They don't like our tar sands, they don't like it that we've already stated that we'll only sign what the Americans sign, and they particularly don't like the audacity of us publishing an Anne of Green Gables prequel.

An unofficial group made of non-government types, even awarded Canada the first "Fossil of the Day" award, given each day to a country that, in its estimation, is adept at blocking progress at climate summits.

There are lots of flash points to this issue, which could be debated until those methane-producing cows come home, but I'm more interested in how Canadian automobile users feel at this juncture. Do you suddenly feel like you have a target on your bumper? Is this weighing on your soul?

Making choices you can live with has a big bearing on how you feel, and I think drivers sometimes forget that our choices are not limited to driving. The choices we make in other aspects of our lives could even have more impact on global warming than our driving habits.

First, let's go over that carbon dioxide deal again. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is not the only contributor

**"Do you suddenly feel like you have a target on your bumper?"**

to global warming, but it is by far the biggest one. CO<sub>2</sub> is released into the atmosphere by burning fossil fuels, by decaying and/or burning wood, and by disturbances in the soil's carbon-holding organic matter, through erosion, plowing, mining, etc.

When it comes to man-made causes of CO<sub>2</sub>, the percentage attributed to passenger cars, pick-up trucks, SUVs, vans, and minivans is about 12-13, according to a 2006 air pollutants study by Environment Canada.

A good-sized chunk, but there other equal or larger chunks — the energy sector accounts for about 52 per cent, transportation (other than light vehicles) accounts for about 13 percent, agriculture about eight per cent, in-

dustry about seven per cent, land use about four per cent, and waste about three per cent.

Some advocate that curtailing air travel would have a huge effect, as it produces lots of CO<sub>2</sub>, and there are less foreseeable ways of increasing its efficiency (nobody, for instance, seems quite ready to board an electric plane for an overseas flight).

It's all about priorities. If you need or love to drive, still do it, but maybe do it a bit more responsibly, and maybe check off a few items from the other list, to balance things out a bit — like take less airplane trips, buy more local products, make your house more efficient, burn less wood in the fireplace.

And maybe make that special effort this year to not set off any huge scrap-tire fires, because, as you know, it all adds up.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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# Travel



## In less than a New York minute

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## Cruising into the Central American past

Far from the movie 2012, ancient Mayan culture comes alive at Altun Ha's sacrificial temple

**JOHN AND SANDRA NOWLAN**  
for Metro Canada

### It's hard to compete with Bingo. Especially on a cruise ship.

For us, illustrated lectures about upcoming countries and ports are just as important as evening entertainment and fine dining. But on a recent cruise to Central America the always popular Bingo games seemed to coincide with the fascinating lectures by Jim Forrester, an historian from Hamilton, Ont.

Forrester just shrugged his shoulders and said, "That's life," as he enthusiastically presented his illustrated talks about Central America to the couple of dozen guests who appreciated his knowledge of the history and geography of Honduras, Guatemala and Belize.

We chose the Norwegian Pearl for the cruise out of Miami mainly because its itinerary was not the usual Caribbean circuit of tropical islands with endless jewellery stores and souvenir shops. Professor Forrester was particularly enthusiastic about our stop at Belize City, the largest community in the country formerly known as British Honduras. Belize is the only English speaking country in Central or South America.

"The British took over a coastal pirate hideout in the mid-1600s," Forrester said. "They used the town as a base to send mahogany and other precious wood overseas and it grew into a major port. Compared with Honduras, the



Returning from Belize, the Norwegian Pearl stops for the day at its private beach in the Bahamas.



The Mayan guide speaks to visitors at Altun Ha's major temple.

country is quite prosperous and children are well fed and well educated."

Many cruise ship passengers joined us for a 50 km bus ride to the remarkable ruins at Altun Ha.

Altun Ha became fa-

mous in 1968 when Canadian archaeologist Dr. David Pendergast discovered a jade head in a tomb. Now known to represent the Mayan Sun God, the jade head is valued at \$60 million and is locked

in a bank vault in Belize City. Our guide, Ken, who takes pride in being 90 per cent Mayan, told us that the Jade Head will likely never be displayed for the public. "Officials are terrified it will be stolen," he said. "Only VIPs have seen it."

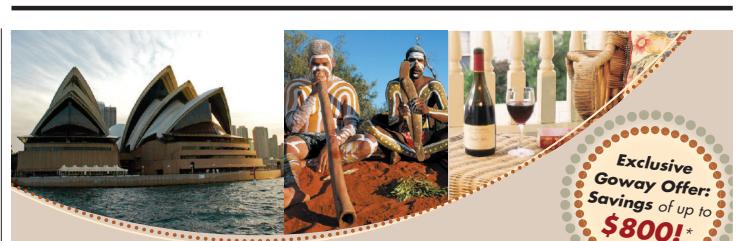
Still, at Altun Ha, there is a lot to be seen as excavation continues around a plaza and thirteen remarkable structures have been unearthed, the tallest of which is the 20 metre Temple of Masonry Altar. A steep, single staircase leads to the top of the altar where major religious ceremonies took place.

"In all Mayan communities, the higher the building the closer you are to the gods," Ken told us.

"But this site is unique. There is evidence of animal sacrifice here but none that shows human sacrifice. Maybe people were happy and felt no need to sacrifice humans. We just don't know."

Back on the Norwegian Pearl, Hotel Manager, Dallas Easterley, gives much of the credit for the line's cruise to Executive Chef Neil Allem of Toronto.

Norwegian Cruise Line generally attracts middle class families or those on a modest budget. But it compares very favourably with the higher end lines. We were impressed not only by the Central America itinerary but by the attention to detail on the ship. We're just not sure about the Bingo.



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Emily Blunt is learning to play the ukulele. The actress — who stars as Princess of Lilliputia in new movie Gulliver's Travels — has taken up the guitar-like instrument after seeing co-stars Jack Black and Billy Connolly play it on set. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

# Entertainment

## Back to The Hills

Audrina Patridge has officially signed on to star in the next season of *The Hills*. After weeks of negotiations, she will return to the show that made her famous.

[USMAGAZINE.COM](http://USMAGAZINE.COM)

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### INXS plans new album, world tour

**MUSIC** INXS has announced a new album featuring a group of guest singers and a world tour that will kick off with a show at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver.

Following a two-year hiatus from touring, INXS has been in the studio collaborating with "some of the best-known singers from across the world," according to a representative.

A spokeswoman for the band would not confirm whether former INXS frontman J.D. Fortune is part of the new album, due out 2010. The Canadian singer made headlines in February when he claimed that the band unceremoniously dumped him at a Hong Kong airport after a 23-month tour.

Fortune had earned the right to front the Aussie group after winning the television reality contest Rock Star: INXS in 2005.

According to the band's rep, their Feb. 24 show at Vancouver's BC Place — announced yesterday as part of a series of Olympic concerts — will kickstart one of the band's "most extensive world tours ever."

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Film legend comes to life

Me and Orson Welles depicts director at the peak of his creative power

**PHIL BROWN**  
for Metro Canada

**Richard Linklater is an unpredictable director who has created a variety of very different films over his 18-year career; ranging from the psychedelic philosophy essay *Waking Life*, to the melancholic high school comedy *Dazed And Confused* and the family-friendly *Jack Black Vehicle School Of Rock*.**

"Like any person I'm interested in a lot of things and I try not to limit myself as a filmmaker," Linklater told Metro.

"If I'm interested in something, I'm always looking for a way to try and express it on film. That's kind of the prism that I see life through."

His latest movie, *Me and Orson Welles*, is the story of a young boy who stumbles into Orson Welles' famous 1937 production of Julius Caesar and gets a crash course on life and theater from the larger than life personality.



British actor Christian McKay and teen heartthrob Zac Efron star in *Me and Orson Wells*.

For Linklater it was a chance to explore Orson Welles without being dragged down by the conventions of a biopic.

"The biopic is a lame genre and hard to pull off," said Linklater. "Orson Welles is just too big to contain in a single film and it would be foolish to try. I felt more confident about biting off a small piece and focusing on one

week in his life in 1937."

By focusing on this period, Linklater was able to depict Welles at the peak of his creative power and success, while hinting at the flaws that would lead to his eventual downfall.

"You can look at this movie and you can see the genius, but you can also see the seeds of destruction," said Linklater. "The full labyrinth that was Or-

son Welles is on display and you can project onto it anything you want."

It's a surprisingly complex portrait of Welles and one that required an immensely talented actor to take on the challenging role. Fortunately Linklater was able to find the previously un-

### Movie feature

known British actor Christian McKay, who captures Welles better than any actor has before.

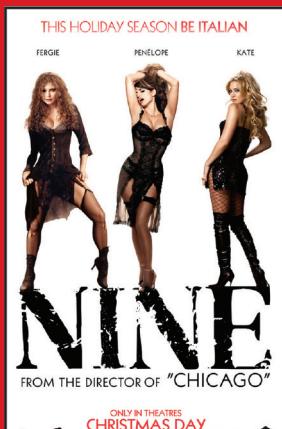
"From here on it's sort of scorched Earth," quipped Linklater. "You'd be crazy to play Orson after Christian McKay because who could ever combine not only the physical resemblance, but the verve and depth that he brings to it. It felt like a gift from the film gods that we were able to find him."

Linklater lucked out with McKay and was also able to land teenie bopper favorite Zac Efron to lend the movie a star name as the innocent young protagonist who is burned and inspired by Welles. The result is, typically for Linklater, unlike anything he's done before, while still retaining the intelligence and character-driven storytelling that defines his best work.

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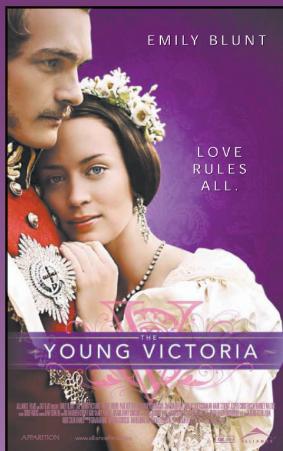
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**Leona's private concert**

Leona Lewis was reportedly paid \$150,000 US for a private concert. The singer was flown by private jet to Monte Carlo for the birthday party of Romania's richest man on Saturday. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)



# Hollywood the grinch?

Fewer festive films and less audience appeal in recent years

**DOROTHY ROBINSON**  
Metro World News



**If Robert Zemeckis can't save the Christmas film, who can?**

The director of 2004's holiday hit *The Polar Express*, which went on to make \$180 million worldwide, is having a hard time pushing his new high-tech adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The film, which cost \$200 million US to make, only took in

\$30 million its opening weekend, disappointing Disney's expectations (by comparison, Universal's 2000 release *The Grinch*, also voiced by Jim Carrey, took in more than \$260 million worldwide).

And it's not like viewers are going to see other festive films; the only other holiday-themed movie being released this season is *Everybody's Fine*. So what gives? Where is this year's Four Christmases?

"Over the last couple of years, Hollywood has not

seen 'This is Christmas'-type movies win over audiences. And once failure is evident, the knee-jerk is to go another way," says Richard Laemer, author of 2011: Trendsporting for the Next Decade. (Remember Fred Claus? Yeah, neither do we.)

So it seems like the studios are launching the blockbusters instead — films such as 2012, *Avatar* and *The Princess and the Frog* — this Christmas season to keep audiences happy.

And as it turns out, the studios haven't lost their holiday spirit — they're just focusing on a different one. "There is a dearth of holiday films in 2009 because the big trend is the 'group star movie,' thanks to the ridiculous success of *He's Just Not That Into You*," says Laemer. "All the studio eggs are in films like next year's *Valentine's Day*, which stars one type of actor for each segment



*A Christmas Carol* took in \$30 million its opening weekend, a disappointment when compared to holiday movies of years past.

— everyone from the two Julia Roberts, Anne Hathaway, Lautner and Shirley Swift, Ashton Kutcher, MacLaine."

## Past Christmas movie cash cows

A movie for each of the 12 days of Christmas, and their box office take, according to Box Office Mojo.

- 1. *Home Alone* (1990): \$285,761,243
- 2. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000): \$260,044,825
- 3. *The Polar Express* (2004):

- \$180,806,128
- 4. *Elf* (2003): \$173,398,518
- 5. *The Santa Clause* (1994): \$144,833,357
- 6. *Four Christmases* (2008): \$120,146,040
- 7. *Christmas with the Kranks* (2004): \$73,780,5398
- 8. *Fred Claus* (2007): \$72,006,777

- 9. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (1989): \$71,319,526
- 10. *Jingle All the Way* (1996): \$60,592,389
- 11. *Bad Santa* (2003): \$60,060,328
- 12. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (1993): \$50,003,043

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## critics' corner

### Mercy

Veronica (Taylor Schilling) tries to get help for her PTSD by attending a veterans support group. Sonia (Jaime Lee Kirchner) helps a mother struggling with her decision to give her baby up for adoption. Chloe (Michelle Trachtenberg) gets stuck with a difficult patient: Dr. Harris (James LeGros), who has suffered a bizarre injury. Jason Ritter guest stars in the new episode "Some of Us Have Been to the Desert." 9 PM on NBC



### Greg Frewin Magic Man: Home for the Holidays

Homegrown illusionist Frewin has made plenty of television appearances, but this new special is his first one-man show. Taped at his theater in Niagara Falls, Ont., it gives viewers a behind-the-scenes peek at what goes into his performances — no secrets revealed, though! — and culminates in one of his biggest, wildest illusions yet. 9 PM on CBC

### Christmas Together With the Barra MacNeils

'Tis the season. Celebrating their Christmas album titled, well, "The Christmas Album," the Celtic group performs in front of a live audience in this special. Joining them in the holiday tunes are harpist Maggie MacInnes and singers Monique Poirier, Patricia Richard and Isabelle Theriault. 12 AM on V



### For December 8<sup>th</sup>

- Beyoncé ft Lady Gaga - Video Phone
- Chris Brown ft Lil Wayne - I Can Transform Ya
- Hedley - Don't Talk To Strangers
- Down With Webster - Rich Girl\$
- David Guetta ft Akon - Sexy Chick
- Aleesia - Bubble Gum
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	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	Old Christine	The Middle (N)	Austin Powers in Goldmember (2002)	The Hour		
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Anthony Michael Hall returns to primetime as a killer in a guest spot on CBS' *CSI: Miami*, people.com reports. In the episode airing next year, Hall will play a charismatic former emergency room doctor who is now a convicted murderer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Celebrity Buzz

## Rihanna dreams of the silver screen

**SONGSTRESS TO ACTRESS** Rihanna has revealed she has a naughty streak and gets a thrill from trying new things. "I'm a bad girl and I like dangerous stuff." The 21-year-old beauty is keen to transfer her love of danger onto the big screen. Earlier in the year, the hitmaker had a string of meetings with film bosses and was believed to be in line to star in a remake of *The Bodyguard*. Rihanna was also thought to be looking into working on a Charlie's Angels sequel and a project with Justin Timberlake.

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## Cyrus bares belly in front of the Queen

**HELLO YOUR HIGHNESS, MEET MY BELLY BUTTON** Miley Cyrus was anything but reserved when meeting the Queen at Monday's Royal Variety Awards in London, usmagazine.com reports. Cyrus, 17, sported tiny leather hotpants and a crop top while performing at the star-studded event.

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## Mirren doesn't mind being naked

**DISROBING FOR DRAMA** Helen Mirren admits that as she's aged, she's much more comfortable going without clothes onscreen. "As you get older naked stuff gets easier. It's more to do with the role than what men in the audience think," says the 64-year-old actress, according to Showbiz Spy.

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## Thurman is manless again

**BREAKUP BLUES** Uma Thurman is single again, people.com reports. The actress broke off her year-long engagement to Swiss multimillionaire Arpad (Arki) Busson on Nov. 15. "The engagement ended awhile back — almost two months ago," says a source. "They remain friends."

The couple began dating in the summer of 2007, and one year later, Busson proposed with an eight-plus-carat engagement ring.

Just don't expect to see that ring on Thurman's finger anytime soon. "She will probably give it back," says the source.

"She wants to

return everything that is his."

Perhaps their long-distance love affair was a factor. In September, Thurman, 39, admitted she

wasn't planning to marry her London-based fiance anytime soon.

"I'm happily engaged but we haven't set a wedding date," she told W magazine.

"I'm not in a rush to do anything. One day we'll do it, when we're ready."

"We can't live anywhere else because my children's father lives here. We'll figure it out."

Apparently, Busson is "beside himself" that they weren't able to figure things out, people.com adds.

The businessman has two sons with his former flame, supermodel Elle MacPherson.

Thurman has a son and daughter with ex-husband Ethan Hawke.

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## Brangelina not adopting for now

**SECRET MENTOR** While Angelina Jolie's visit to the Middle East with Brad Pitt recently sparked speculation that the power couple was planning to adopt another child, the National Enquirer has learned that they were actually visiting seven children. Jolie has been secretly supporting for years. "Angelina considers the orphans as her own family. She stays in touch with them and really cares about how they are doing," a source says. "She was giving them advice about life and school."

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## Celebrity tweets

Lady Gaga preps to meet royalty, Penn Jillette knows how to have a good time, Stephen Fry can even make blogging sound classy, and Elisabeth Hasselbeck gets her Twitter hijacked by Adam Lambert.



- @ladygaga Nothin like a whiskey, fish + chips in the UK to prepare for the Queen

- @PennJillette Off to LA for the day. A couple of TV pitches and, in between, we'll try dressing a cow like an elephant. There's no business like it.

- @StephenFry Brekkers time: then I really must get down and concentrate on a blog that I've been meaning to post for simply ages...

- @ElisabethHasselbeck Hey this is Adam Lambert!!! Elizabeth is lettin me tweet from her phone!!! Me and Liz! Whaaat? :)



## Jay-Z living his own Party Life

**DA BIG 4-0** Jay-Z turned 40 in style, with a massive 1920s-themed party in the Dominican Republic featuring synchronized swimmers, fireworks and an impromptu performance by Jay-Z and Alicia Keys, plus a surf-and-turf brunch at his and Beyoncé's luxury villa the next day, according to Page Six. "Diddy gave a toast," a source says. "Jay-Z's friends also put together a video saying how much they love him."

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## Spellings kiss and make up

**IT'S ALL FOR THE CHILDREN** After years of feuding, Tori Spelling and her mother Candy Spelling are putting their differences aside for the sake of Tori's kids, people.com reports. "They have been in communication," Tori's husband Dean McDermott told People. "Candy has seen the kids, which is what this is all about."

Tori, 36, and Candy, 64, have had a long-standing feud since family patriarch Aaron Spelling

died two years ago. Both wrote tell-all books — each taking jabs at each other.

And earlier this year Candy wrote a public letter to Tori in response to the season finale of her reality show *Tori & Dean*:

Home Sweet Hollywood. In the finale, Tori agonizes about inviting Candy to her daughter's first birthday party. (Candy doesn't show.)

Candy accused her daughter of using her grandchildren Liam, 2, and Stella, 1, as "reality-show props."

For now, it appears the ice has melted on their relationship.

As for more details, McDermott says his family is staying mum.

"We are keeping all this private like it should be," he says.

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## Brown wants to tell his side on Oprah

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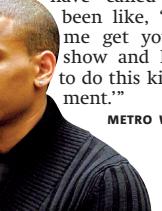
Looking back at the uproar after his assault of Rihanna, Chris Brown is still smarting at the treatment he received from the public, and is blaming it on Oprah Winfrey, according to Hollyscoop. "I felt stabbed in the back," Brown says. "OK, Oprah,

you have so much power and people really listen to what you say — you jump to conclusions and start bringing people on the set that have no similarities to me other than a domestic dispute."

He was more than ready to

defend himself. "She could have called me and been like, 'Chris, let me get you on my show and I'm going to do this kind of segment.'"

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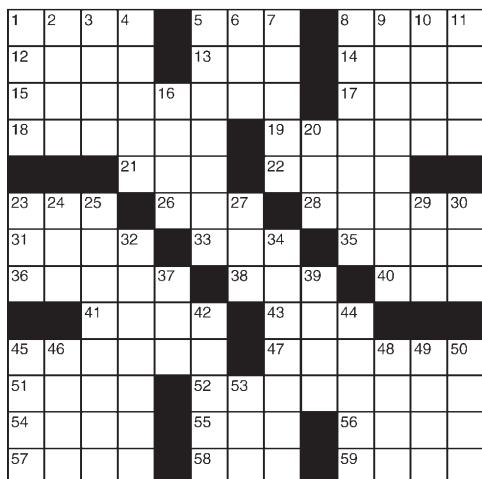
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13 "Go, team!"  
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19 Adheres  
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22 "Critique of Pure Reason" author  
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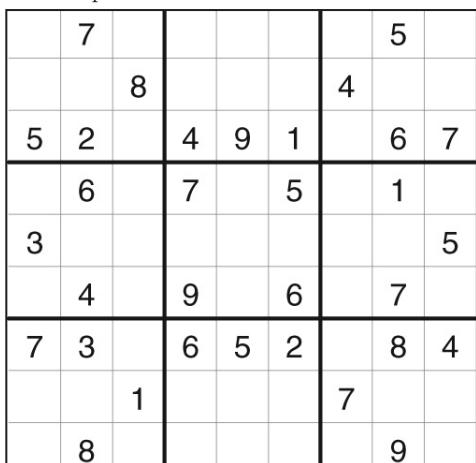
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34 Parvenu  
37 Coloration  
39 Blue shade  
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44 Twisted  
45 Pack down  
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48 Twosome  
49 "Beetle Bailey" dog  
50 Egg container?  
53 Compete

**Sudoku**

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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The Sun in Sagittarius at this time of year will introduce you to new ways of thinking and new ways of making sense of the world.

**TAURUS****APRIL 21-MAY 21**

With Venus, your ruler, transiting the wealth area of your chart at the moment you have no choice but to focus on what you earn.

**GEMINI****MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Venus in the partnership area of your chart makes it easy to get along with all kinds of people

**CANCER****JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Something unexpected will happen today, something that casts doubts on your long-term ambitions.

**LEO****JULY 23-AUG 22**

This is one of the best times of the year for you and whatever decisions you take over the next few days they are sure to work out for the best.

**LIBRA****SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Even if you are the kind of Libra who tends to be inhibited in social situations you will have a lot of fun today.

**SCORPIO****OCT 24-NOV 22**

Common sense should tell you that your winning streak is going to end sooner or later, so now would be a good time to cash in some of your chips.

**SAGITTARIUS****NOV 23-DEC 21**

Your luck is well and truly in at the moment, so take a few risks over the next 24 hours – in fact take as many as you like.

**CAPRICORN****DEC 22-JAN 20**

At this time of year you may have all sorts of dreams and desires, but you must be realistic about them.

**VIRGO****AUG 24-SEPT 22**

You need to be more open with partners and loved ones and relatives. Find the right words to convey your feelings and then just say them.

**Today in history**

1793 – New York City's first daily newspaper, the American Minerva, is established by Noah Webster.  
1851 – The first YMCA in North America is established in Montreal, Quebec.  
1905 – In France, the law separating church and state is passed.  
1960 – The first episode of Britain's longest running television soap opera Coronation Street is broadcast.  
1979 – The eradication of the smallpox virus is certified, making smallpox the first and to date only human disease driven to extinction.

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1 oz (30 g) fresh ginger, peeled and grated  
1 dessert apple, peeled, cored and grated  
4 thick turkey breasts  
5 oz (150 g) brie, cut into 4 wedges

3 tbsp (45 mL) olive oil  
1 lb (500 g) green cabbage, finely shredded  
8 scallions, sliced  
1 3/4 oz (50 g) walnuts, chopped

**METHOD:**

1. Preheat oven to 460°F (240°C). Mix ginger and apple. Cut horizontally through each turkey breast (not all the way through). Divide ginger and apple mixture among pockets, then push wedge of cheese into each. Press meat together into shape and push filling evenly in pockets.

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